TO SOLVE PANAMA TANGLE.

SENATE VOTES TO CONTINUE THE TEMPORARY ACT,

Hoping the House Would Agree-Hold-Up of Bill for a Permanent Government Condemned-Midshipmen Reinstated at Annapolis-Pure Food Bill Dead.

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- The Senate attempted to solve the tangle over the Governnent of the Panama Canal Zone to-day by animously passing a resolution coninuing the present act in force. It was hoped that the House, which refused to agree to the bill providing for a permanent

mment, would agree to this. bring this about Mr. Kittredge called up resolution continuing in force until the expiration of the session of Congress beginning next December Section 2 of the act April 20, 1904, providing for the temporary government of the Canal Zone. Kittredge read a statement on be-

half of the conferees on the canal bill. n earnest effort was made to reach an ent with the House, but it failed. The flouse conferees insisted that the provision abolishing the canal commission be agreed to, and reiterated the statement that unless the Senate conferees yielded there would be no legislation of any kind on can't matters. The joint resolution was ther upon offered. It is designed to confinue the temporary government of the Caucil Zing.

Watson called at the Adams street station and had a long talk with Capt. Gallagher. At that time his theatre was crowded. Capt Gallagher told him that in case he gave a performance he would arrest him for violating the charter in giving a theatrical performance in a building in which liquor was sold. Mr. Watson went to the theatre and explained that he had some difficulty with the police and then dismissed the the House conferees insisted that the

Mr. Gorman, one of the canal bill conferees, described the attitude of the House managers as extraordinary in attempting to change existing law by such radical

This is an extraordinary situation," said Mr. Gorman, "and in my judgment t is absolutely necessary for the Senate to althere to its position, if the independence of the Senate is to be maintained." He admitted that without any legislation the

desirable situation.

Mr. Sproner said it was perfectly apparent that it was the purpose of the House conferees to leave the matter where it stood, without trying to reach an agreement. He was frank to say that he was not satisfied was frank to say that he was not satisfied with the work of the canal commission. But as between the commission and the War Department and its officers, without further supervision, he preferred the com-

Mr. Overman asked if the President, wit'out further legislation, could go ahead and build a sea level canal.
"I say no!" emphatically replied Mr.

Spooner. "The law provided for a lock canal to cost \$130,000,000, and no commission or executive officer can go ahead and build a sea level canal without consulting Con-

After more talk the resolution was then he Pure Food bill received its quietu for the session when on motion of Mr. Speoner and by a vote of 28 to 23 it was displaced by a nother bill. The Senate took up the calendar and ran through a lot of objectionable bills. Speconer and by a vote of 28 to 23 it was displaced by another bill. The Senate took up the calendar and ran through a lot of objectionable bills and put them out of business. Mr. Spooner called up the House act to reappoint Midshipmen John H. Latland, Earl Witchaffe and Joseph D. Little, who were dismissed in November, 1903, for hazing. Mr. Blackburn made a vigorous speech in opposition to the bill. The effect of restoring these men to the Naval Academy would be very injurious, he declared. Mr. Forsker supported the bill and escribed the hazing case in question, which consisted of requiring a first year man to go through a "gymnastic exercise" because he had taken fruit from the wardroom table confrary to the rules. "This exercise," said Mr. Foraker, "was not bruil er injurious. It was beneficial, if anything," [Laughter].

Without any action on the measure at 6 o'clock the Senate re-convened this evening and the bill was soon passed.

The Insect Pest bill, which had been sideracked in the afternoon, was passed. It prohibits, under fine up to \$5,000, the transportation, knowingly, from one State to another, of the gypsy or other injurious moths, plum curculia, hop plant louse or boil weevil, or their eggs, pupse or larve.

By 1130 c'clock every big appropriation bill reported from conference had been disposed of and the actual work of the Snate for the session was concluded. This was a despatch of business man, three years ago. Morse had just written "Good-by, My Blue Bell, and distance the song. "If fell in love with Misa Dilkes seemed to a pust written "Good-by, My Blue Bell, and distance the song. "If fell in love with Misa Dilkes at first Keith's Theatre last night. "I had always a distance of the bill and declared. Mr. Foraker "was not bruil that yould never marry a stage girl, for I wanted a wise that was home to go the first that I would never marry a stage girl, for I wanted a wise that was home to go the first that I would never marry a stage girl, for I wanted a wise that was home to go the first tha

home at 10 o'clock, and surrendered the gavel to that stout sailor. Senater Perkins of California. While the Senate was lolling about waiting for the final conference report on the River and Harbor bill, Mr. Perkins observed:

"The Senate is in the doldrums."

At 11:30 o'clock, with all the legislative business disposed of except the Statehood bill the Senate, on motion of Mr.Allison, went into executive session, and at 11:45 took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow asy and painless death of the session, went nome at 10 o'clock, and surrendered the

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MONEY BILLS ALL DISPOSED OF.

tion for continuing the work on the Delaware River channel, amounting to \$500,000 with authority to make contracts for \$750 .-600, conditional upon State aid to the ex-

tent of \$500,000. Chairman Burton of the House Rivers and Harbors Committee fought the con-

was reached. The cash appropriation remains at \$500,000, and unconditional contracts amounting to \$1,000,000 are authorized The conference reports were subsequently adopted in both Houses without debate.

TRAGIC DEATH OF CIG. Four Footed Actor in "Under Two Flags" Fats Two Buckets of Bran.

Cig, the big bay trained horse that has been carrying actresses of all degrees "Under Two Flags," died suddenly yesterday. Cig had been appearing this week at the Columbia Theatre in Brooklyn, where the American Stock Company is holding forth.

"Under Two Flags," died suddenly yesterday. The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

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Lowest temperature. 22* 3.7 A M.

His stall has been on the stage, and a careless property man left two buckets of bran near the horse yesterday forenoon. This bran is used for the stage

He got to the two buckets yesterday | and emptied them. Some time later his caretaker came around and offered him s. Cig would have none of them. What did want was a drink and he wanted

ank one pail of water and followed this by another. The swelling of the bran caused his death. A veterinary was called, but before he arrived Cig was no more. He was rented out to stock companies for 35.50 a day, and as Cig was not a union actor night.

POLICE AND THEATRE.

Illegal to Hold License and Give Plays, Even if No Liquor Is Sold?

Police Captain Bernard Gallagher of the Adams street station, Brooklyn, compelled William Watson, manager of Watson's Cozy Corner Theatre, Willoughby and Pearl streets, to dismiss his audience yesterday afternoon and last evening he refused to permit the closing act of the night, a burlesque, to be performed.

Last week George Brown, the manager of the rathskeller attached to the theatre, gave out for publication a story that the police of the Adams street station were police of the Adams street station were trying to "shake him down" and he had been informed that unless he did "the proper thing" the police would interfere with the place. This was published, and Capt. Gallagher's attention was called to the matter by Police Commissioner McAdoo. Capt. Gallagher began an investigation, and declared that there was no truth in Brown's charges. On Thursday night, the captain and his detectives visited the rathskeller and placed Brown under arrest

the captain and his detectives visited the rathskeller and placed Brown under arrest for violating the charter in selling liquor in a building used for theatrical purposes. One of the waiters was also arrested. They were both held for examination by Magistrate Dooley in the Adams street police court vectorize.

court yesterday.

Early in the afternoon yesterday Mr.

Watson called at the Adams street station

Later in the day Mr. Watson again sought Capt. Gallagher and told him that he had decided to close up the rathskeller and that he expected no further police interference. Last evening the rathskeller was closed and the performance went on as the contract of the contract

Just before the curtain was to rise on the concluding act of the evening, a burlesque, however, Manager Watson stepped in front of the curtain and explained to the audience that Capt. Gallagher and his detectives were behind the scenes and had notified admitted that without any legislation the President could govern the zone under military law, but this was not the most desirable situation.

him that the burlesque could not proceed. He said the captain had threatened to close the house and arrest him and the girl performers if he insisted on going on with

the Charter to have a theatrical performance and a liquor tax license in the same building. Although the rathskeller was closed last in ht there was a liquor tax license for the place in existence, and as it had not been cancelled it was still in force. He says he is acting within the law and it is under-stood that he is backed up in this by Com-

SONG WRITER SUES WIFE. Morse, Author of "Blue Bell," Has Lost His Inspiration.

The marital woes of a sentimental song writer will be heard in the Supreme Court on Wednesday, when a suit for divorce

Court on Wednesday, when a suit for divorce instituted by Theodore F. Morse against his wife will be heard. Mr. Morse has written lots of songs and has made some money. In addition he appears in vaudeville houses and sings his songs.

Mr. Morse met his wife, who was Mabel E. Dilkes, the daughter of a Philadelphia business man, three years ago. Morse had just written Good-by, My Blue Bell, and Miss Dilkes liked the song.

"I fell in love with Miss Dilkes at first sight," said Morse in his dressing room at Keith's Theatre last night. I had always said that I would never marry a stage girl, for I wanted a wife that was home loving. Miss Dilkes seemed to fill the part. I think my courtship was partly responsible for the success of my recent songs. Shortly after becoming acquainted with the young lady I dashed off 'Way

Plans for the \$2,500,000 Altman Store.

Trowbridge and Livingston, architects for Benjamin Altman, have filed the pre-An Agreement on Rivers and Harbors liminary plans for the big store that the merchant is to build on the Fifth avenue block from Thirty-fourth to Thirty-fifth Washington, March 3.—The last of the great appropriation bills was disposed of shortly after 10 o'clock to-night, when the conferees on the River and Harbor bill reported an agreement on the items in dispute.

The most important was the appropriation of the properties of the cost is estimated at \$2,500,000.

The Weather.

It became warmer yesterday over the northern part of the country from the Missouri Valley cast-ward to the middle Atlantic and New England coasts, with rises in temperature of from 2 to 28 degrees in the Lake regions. The temperature fell in the Gulf and south Atlantic States, but freezfell in the Gulf and south Atlantic States, but freezing weather was experienced only at points in the middle Rocky Mountain section and over the northeastern quarter of the country, including northern Minnesota, the Great Lakes and south on the Atlantic coast to northern North Carolina.

The pressure was high over most sections: the exceptions being North Dakota and Minnesota, the country, for about two weeks. I am going for a while in the country, for about two weeks. I am going way down South. By the time you read where a low pressure area was centred, and the extreme Southwest. The weather was generally fair at all points except that snow fell in the lower Lake regions and rain in Texas, and there was diness in the Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys.

In this city the day was fair and warmer; wind, light to fresh northwest; average humidity, 60 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30,30; 3 P. M., 29,92.

WASHINGTON PORECAST FOR TO DAT AND TO MORROW For eastern New York, cloudy to-day; rain in south portion, rain or snow in north, warmer; to-morrow fair and colder; variable winds becoming northwest erly and fresh to-night.

storm and was not intended as feed for Cig. Horses like bran, and Cig was no exception.

ery and fresh to night.

For New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, cloudy and warmer to day, probably rain; to-morrow, tair and colder; light to fresh southwesterly winds becoming northwesterly. For Virginia, warmer and threatening to-day,

probably rain in the morning in north portion; to-morrow, fair and colder; variable winds becoming fresh northwesterly to-night.

For New England, increasing cloudiness to-day,

followed by rain in south and west portions; to-morrow, fair and colder; variable winds becoming fresh northwesterly by to-morrow morning.

For Maryland and the District of Columbia, warmer and threatening: probably rain this morning, followed by fair: to-morrow, fair and colder: variable winds becoming fresh northwesterly to-

and appearing at two performo-morrow, partly cloudy; variable winds-

ARMOR PLATE INQUIRY VOTED

HOUSE AGREES TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO NAVAL BILL.

Indian, Sundry Civil and Post Office Measures Go to the President-Burton Routs Pennsylvania Delegation in Fight on River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- The House today agreed to conference reports on the Indian Post Office and Naval Appropriation bills, thus finally disposing of them. The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the latter bill, increasing the marine corps by about 1,200 enlisted men and non-commissioned officers and directing an investigation of the armor plate question, with a view to determining the expediency of the Government establishng a factory by the Secretary of the Navy.

These reports were considered amid much confusion, such as is common on like occasions, despite Speaker Cannon's efforts to secure and maintain a fair degree of order. "If ever there is an occasion." he said, "when it is necessary for members to exercise great caution and good judgment, it is upon the last day of the short session of Congress." The enunciation of this statement was greeted with general applause, and yet a minute later there was as much noise as before.

The almost marvellous control exercised over the members of the House by Mr. Burton (Rep., Ohio), chairman of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, was again manifested to-day, when, by a vote of 189

priation for the Delaware River below
Philadelphia, put on the River and Harbor
bill in the Senate.

Mr. Sibley of Pennsylvania charged
Burton with preventing a full, free and fair
conference by his attitude toward the
amendment, and asserted that he had written
to Senator Penrose, before the bill reached
the Senate, that if amendment, and asserted that he had written to Senator Penrose, before the bill reached the Senate, that if amended there, as de-sired by the Pennsylvania delegation, it would not pass. Burton denied the correct-ness of Mr. Sibley's quotation, but the letter

would not pass. Burton defined the correctness of Mr. Sibley's quotation, but the letter was not produced.

Mr. Sibley referred to Burton's almost continuous absence from the floor, and said he appeared only for the purpose of making trouble. This was resented by several members of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, Mr. Lorimer saying that if Mr. Burton was absent from the floor it was because he was attending in the committee room to his duties as a legislator, to the discharge of which he gave more hours a day and more days in the year than any other member Lorimer knew.

Mr. Burton, replying to Mr. Sibley, spoke with great vigor and freedom, saying that if, after all that the bill had done for Pennsylvania, its delegation desired to defeat it because their monstrous proposition could not secure favorable action, "let the responsibility be upon them." By the vote indicated the House ordered a further conference on the matters remaining in discust on the River and Harbor hill.

conference on the matters remaining in dispute on the River and Harbor bill. At 5 o'clock the house took a recess until 8.

Immediately upon the reassembling of the House Chairman Hemenway pre-sented the conference report on the Sundry Civil bill. After a short discussion of the provision limiting the allowance and ex-penses of Judges while outside their dis-

penses of Judges while outside their districts, the report was agreed to.

As finally agreed to these Senate amendments are included: Providing a sea wall at Sandy Hook proving ground, to cost \$40,000; fixing the salary of the District Attorney for the Southern District of New York at \$10,000 a year and abolishing fees.

The River and Harbor bill was disposed for the Province of The River and Harbor bill was disposed of and then Representative Vandiver Dem.. Mo.) called up as a privileged matter his resolution asking the Attorney-General what he had done toward bringing either civil or criminal proceedings against the so-called armor plate trust.

Representatives Payne, Dalzell and other Republican leaders undertook to have it.

THE SEAGOERS.

A Lot of Wealthy People Off for Europe by To-day's Liners.

Passengers by the North German Lloyd Koenig Albert, which sailed to-day for Mediterranean ports:

W. Lyman Biddle, Mrs. G. Stone Benedict, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Whitney, Mrs. Herman Kohlsant, Mrs. William Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Matthews, Mrs. Bradford B. McGregor, Mrs. William Walter Phelps, Mrs. Rose Durkee Parsons, Charles C. Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. E. Barton Whitney, Aboard the American liner Philadelphia.

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Aboard the American liner Phliadelphia,
off to-day for Southampton, are:
Major John H. Ball, Henry J. Bjørnsen,
Frank Calhoun, Mrs. F. G. Latham, Mrs.
Stafford Northcote, Arthur T. Scott, Major
Albert J. Myer, John W. Maddox, Albert
Heminway Michelson and Frederick William
Fitzgerald.

Sailing to-day by the Cunarder Etruria, for Queenstown and Liverpool, are: Mrs. A. W. Benton, William Guthrle, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hutchinson, Barnett F. P. Hughes, Lord and Lady O'Hagan, Commander and Mrs. G. L. R. Perkins, Nicholas C. Mead and S. H. Paxton.

Aboard the Red Star liner Kroonland,

which sails to-day for Dover and Antwerp, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Audrian, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Skerrett, Charles M. Mali and A. T. McCullagh.

OFF TO CARE FOR HIMSELF.

"Good-by," Wrote George Owen Bonnwitz, "for About Two Weeks."

George Owen Bonawitz, 14 years old, the son of George Bonawitz, an artist, living at 243 Penn street, Brooklyn, went home from school yesterday, threw his books inside the door and disappeared without saying a word to his mother. Mrs, Bona-witz thought he had gone out to play, but I had swallowed something the size of when he didn't appear at supper time she got worried. So did the father. He picked and indigestion.

for about two weeks.

The note was in the big scrawling hand of the boy and Bonawitz immediately started out on a search. He went around among his playmates, but none of them had seen him since school time. One of the boy's chums is said to be missing, too, and it is thought that both youngsters have gone away together of the boy's chums is said to be missing. have gone away together.

EUGENE PRESBREY VERY ILL.

Theatrical Man Has Acute Appendicitis Operation May Be Necessary.

ANNAPOLIS, March 3 .- Eugene Presbrey, stage manager of Booth Tarkington's

His wife reached here to-day. For Maryland and the District of Columbia, warmer and threatening: probably rain this morning, followed by fair: to morrow, fair and colder: variable winds becoming fresh northwesterly to night.

For western New York, rain or snow to-day:

This wife reached here to-day.

Mr. Presbrey is still at the hotel, but will be removed to a hospital to-morrow, if it is decided acvisable to attempt an operation in his present condition. He is regarded as a very sick man, but the doctors do not think nothing is too good to say about think his disease is necessarily fatal.

Creek, Mich.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

A woman living in Rivington street, who is a frequent beneficiary of one or more of the social settlements clustered in that part of town, was asked by a settle-

ment worker the other day why she didn't move uptown.

"I'd like to, ma'am," said the woman,
"but my husband is still so poor that we have to live in the settlement district."

City folks know all about it, but not one in ten of the country visitors seems to know that the West Side subway trains will break out into the air and become elevated trains for a few blocks at 122d street. An expression of profound astonishment fills the faces of even the most placid of the visitors who are caught unawares. Travellers in couples nudge each other, and the most timid clutch the seats in a and the most timid clutch the seats in a startled way as the cars dart into the open. The breaking in of the newcomers is one of the entertainments of an uptown trip to the regular riders.

Naturally the youngster's impressions are affected by local color. A teacher in an East Side school overheard a group of boys discussing, the other day, what they would be when they grew up. Said

one little boy:
"I'm goin' to be a policeman."
"Yer can't," was the quick retort from a boy lately arrived from Hoboken, "yer ain't fat."
"Yer can't." said a little boy, indigenous to the East Side, at the same time, "yer ain't Irish."

A Broadway florist has a bargain sale of cut flowers two days a week, and does a rushing business on these bargain days. He sells a certain number of freshcut flowers, usually three kinds, for \$1. The flowers

there is a cop who sleeps only four hours daily. He says that is all he needs. He does his duty as a policeman, as his record shows by the absence of complaints. When he isn't on duty or sleeping his four hours a day he is at work in a planing mill not far from the precinct. This planing mill is a busy place, but it is always busiest when the policeman is at work there. He owns

This was an actual occurrence, and may

be verified by any doubter:
The Park Department Tuesday last ordered some coal for the gymnasium building in the William H. Seward Park. A big wagon was loaded with four tons in the yard of the coal contractor, and a green driver who was a bit hard of hearing was ordered to take it "to the Seward Park. He drove to the entrance of the park, raised the manhole cover of the sewer in the street and dumped the four tons of coal into the sewer. Later in the day the Park Department called up the coal contractor and wanted to know why the coal was not

and wanted to know why the coal was not sent. The driver was called into the office and asked what he did with the coal.

"I did as I was told. I put it in the sewer of the park," he explained.

It took half a dozen men with baskets some time to get the coal out of the underground tunnel, and now the driver is looking for another job.

One of the elevator men in the Federal Building invariably calls out as he reaches the third floor: District Court. Bank-

Representatives Payne, Palzell and other Republican leaders undertook to have it ruled out on points of order, but the chair decided against them. A roll call was demanded and on a straight question the House refused to call for information on that subject. The House at 11:55, took a recess until 10 o'clock to-merrow. well set up and handsomely dressed. A who saw them wondered how their parents were able to tell them apart. They were self-possessed and stood the scrutiny as though they were used to it. When they got off at the Brooklyn Bridge and started across Park row the rubbernecks were so numerous that they couldn't be counted.

NEW EVENING POST BUILDING. Paper to Move From Broadway to a Vesey

Street Site. The Evening Post has acquired three lots, 20, 22 and 24 Vesey street, facing St. Paul's churchyard, on which a modern building, especially designed for the Post, will be erected. The purchase was made through Herbert M. Lloyd and Voorhees Floyd.

The newspaper has had four homes. The first, in 1801, was at 40 Pine street. In 1840 it moved to 27 Pine street and in 1849 it went to Liberty and Nassau streets. Since 1876 it has occupied a part of the Evening Post building, at Broadway and Fulton

Work on the new building will not be commenced until May 1, 1906. Robert D. Kohn will be the architect.

POSTUM CEREAL. THE TRICKS Coffee Plays on Some.

It hardly pays to laugh before you are

oertain of facts, for it is sometimes humiliating to think of afterwards. "When I was a young girl I was a lover of coffee but was sick so much the doctor told me to quit and I did but after

my marriage my husband begged me to drink it again as he did not think it was the coffee caused the troubles.

"So I commenced it again and continued about 6 months until my stomach

One doctor said it was neuralgia "One day I took a drive with my husband three miles in the country and I drank a cup of coffee for dinner. I thought sure I would die before I got back to town to a doctor. I was drawn DEAR PAPA AND MAMMA: I am going tway, for I was not made for the slow life in the city, so I am going for a while in the sountry, for about two weeks. I am going that thought sure I would die before I got back to town to a doctor. I was drawn double in the buggy and when my husband his I will be on the steamer for the South. I will be on the steamer for the South. I will be on the steamer for the South. I will be on the steamer for the South. I will be on the steamer for the South. I will be on the steamer for the South. I was drawn double in the buggy and when my husband hitched the horse to get me out into the doctor's office, misery came up in my throat and seemed to shut my breath off entirely, then left all in a flash

> "My husband brought my supper to, my bedside with a nice cup of hot coffee but I said: 'Take that back, dear, I will never drink another cup of coffee if you gave me everything you are worth, for it is just killing me.' He and the others laughed at me and said:
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> "The idea of coffee killing anybody.'

> " 'Well,' I said, 'it is nothing else but coffee that is doing it.'

"In the grocery one day my husband play "The Gentleman from Indiana," is was persuaded to buy a box of Postum critically ill at the Claypole Hotel here, which he brought home and I made it where he was stricken two days ago with appendicitis. He had been suffering for good it was but said nothing to the hired several days, but refused to leave the Eng- men and they thought they had drank lish Opera House, where his duties kept him almost constantly. Yesterday he became so ill that he had to remain in bed. Came so ill that he had to remain in bed. The attack increased in violence and at one time it was thought that he was dying.

His wife reached here to-day.

my cheeks and I got stout and felt as good as I ever did in my life. I have no more stomach trouble and I know I owe

KICKS ABOUT NEW FIRE MAINS

OBJECTIONS BY CHIEF CROKER WHICH EXPERTS CALL ABSURD.

The Chief Changes Front About the Projeet He Approved Last Summer-He Can't Be Prompted by Disinterested Motives. Commissioner Cakley Says

For some reason which Mayor McClellan and the officials of the Water Supply Department are entirely unable to explain, Chief Croker of the Fire Department has suddenly found fault with the plans for the establishment of high pressure water mains in the business section of the city to protect the district from fire. These plans were drawn by several of the best known engineers in the city and approved by experts in hydrostatics. When the scheme was proposed Chief Croker was strongly in favor of it and more than once drew attention to the safeguards with which Philadelphia had provided itself byinstalling an auxiliary system of water mains.

About a week ago Mr. Croker wrote a letter objecting to the carrying out of the plans. It is understood that in this letter he went into technical reasons why the mains should not be laid. He insisted that the mains could not stand the pressure of pumping water through several hundred feet of pipes and found fault, also, with the hydrants and nozzles which have been recommended. The Mayor sent the letter to Fire Commissioner Hayes for report. Mr. Hayes returned it without comment, intimating thereby, according to the Mayor's conclusion, that it needed none.

In the opinion of the engineers of the Water Department, the objections raised by Mr. Croker are trivial and without substance. Commissioner Oakley said yes-

"We have advertised for bids for the laving of the mains and the work will be begun without delay. The city has appropriated the money for the mains and the fact that Mr. Croker at this late hour butts in with some technical arguments on a subject on which he can have no scientific knowl-edge will not hinder the letting of the con-

tracts.
"Chief Croker is a good fire fighter, but he is not a hydraulic expert and I can only explain his attitude by saying that it has not explain his attitude by saying that it has not been prompted by disinterested motives."

All that the Mayor would say was that he had sent Mr. Croker's letter to the Board of Fire Underwriters with a request for a report. At the public hearings held last year the underwriters were the strongest supporters of the project.

Chief Engineer I. M. de Verona of the Water Supply Department said: "The assertions as to the insufficiency of the pipes provided—failure to deliver the supply

sertions as to the insufficiency of the pipes provided—failure to deliver the supply, alleged defects in hydrants, lack of pressure and alleged failure of hydraulic engineers, whose life work is the design and construction of distribution systems for large cities, to take into consideration the friction of water in passing through pipes—are too ridiculous and absurd to warrant serious consideration.

"The system prepared for the Borough of Manhattan has been most thoroughly and carefully studied, and will certainly yield all the results expected. It has received the warm indorsement of the engineers and other experts who have had occasion to examine it and are competent

occasion to examine it and are competent to make such examination intelligently. Chief Croker declined last night to talk

about his letter. Fire Commissioner Hayes made it clear that he, at least, is not opposed to the salt water main project. The Commissioner said:
"I don't want the impression to go out that myself. Chief Croker or the department is against the use of salt water mains." on the contrary, we are very much in favor of it. My only reason for making no comment on Chief Croker's letter is that I am not a hydraulic engineer, and I took his word for what's in the letter. It was simply a letter suggesting some changes which we ought to consider before making any move. We don't want to have to rush work and make mistakes and go over it again."

Supreme Court Justice Gaynor in Brooklyn yesterday appointed a commission to acquire title to certain lands in Queens and Nassau counties, necessary for the

To Enlarge Brooklyn Water System.

enlargement of the water supply system for Queens county and Brooklyn. The application for the commission was made by the Corporation Counsel of New York by the Corporation Counsel of New York acting for the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity. The land desired is adjacent to streams in the two counties which are needed to increase the regular water supply. Justice Gaynor appointed as commissioners, T. Ludlow Chrystie of Manhattan, Commissioner of Jurors Jacob Brenner of Kings county and William S. Coggeswell of Queens county.

Steamship Collision

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LIVERPOOL, March 3.—The British steam-ship Dominion, Capt. Mendus, 4,402 tons from Portland, Me., Feb. 25, for Liverpool, and the British steamship Vancouver, Capt. Jones, which was reported at Liverpool on Feb. 16, were in collision in the Mersey this morning. No details are known yet.

OBITUARY. George Alexander Brown died at his home in Summit, N. J., on Thursday evening of pneumonia. He was born in the city fiftytwo years ago His father was Stewart Brown, a banker. After graduating from Columbia College in the class of 1875, he went into the banking business with his brothers at 68 Broadway under the name of Stewart Brown's Sons & Co. When the firm dissolved about twelve years ago, Mr. Brown became a broker in stocks and bonds at 42 New street, continuing in active business until within a few days of his death. He was a life member of the Calumet Club, of which he was twice elected president. He was also a member of the Stock Exchange. He was also a member of the St. Anthony Club, and was a director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He leaves a widow and two dauxiters. The funeral will be held at 150 this afterneon from the Church of the Ascension in Fifth avenue and Tenth street, this city.

Capt. R. B. Pegram, one of the best known religined men in the South died vesterday. George Alexander Brown died at his home

Capt. R. B. Pegram, one of the best known railroad men in the South, died yesterday at the residence of his son-in-law, John Marbury, in Memphis, Tenn. after a brief illness. He was 56 years old and attracted wide attention in railroad orders the was 56 years old and attracted wide attention in railroad orders. He was 56 years old and attracted wide attention in railroad circles through his rapid rehabilitation of the old Memphis and Charleston road, now a part of the Southern Railway, after the war. His promotion was very rapid, as he was advanced from the superintendency of the Memphis division of the Southern Railway to assistant general manager of the Southern, with headquarters in Washington. From this post he was elected to the presidency of the Vera Cruz and Pacific. He retired from active work about a year ago; owing to bad health.

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Dudley L. Ruth, a deputy collector in the Custom House, died yesterday at his home, 458 Eighth street, Brocklyn, in his sixty-ninth year. He served in the navy during the civil war and was a member of Grant Post, 327, G. A. R. He had served in the Custom House for thirty-two years. Two sons and a daughter survive him.

James F. Woodhouse of South Orange, N. J., died of paralysis at his home in that place, on Thursday night. He was 70 years of age and unmarried. He was formerly a shipping merchant in New York. He leaves two sisters, Miss Anna Woodhouse and Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse.

Elizabeth Woodhouse.

Dr. John J. Prendergast, who died on Wednesday at his home, 378 Clinton street, Brooklyn, in his sixty-second year, was one of the founders of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital. He was formerly connected with St. Francis's Hospital, Jersey City.

Carl B. Wagner, a German journalist, who had been connected with the Brooklyn Freis Presse for twenty years, died on Thursday at his home, 799 Quincy street, in his forty-ninth year. His wife and a daughter survive him.

Andrew T. Gifford, who held the office of

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Russian Social Democrats of New York and vicinity arranged yesterday for a farewell reception on March 9 in Grand American Hall. 7 and g Second avenue, to Mme. Breschkovsky, the Russian revolutionist who escaped from Siberia several years ago and who is going on a trip to Europe.

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ATHLETE BUTTS INTO STRIKE

SANFORD, YALE '98, ROUTS THE ROWDIES AT THE BRIDGE.

A Dozen Large Citizens Setting Upon One Youthful Newsboy Too Much for the Old Ell's Ex-Guard and He Took a Hand-Lively Show for Brocklynites.

George Foster Sanford, who played right guard on the Yale football team of '98, won the Boothall plate in 1900 for America from the best sprinters that Oxford and Cambridge could turn out and has a string of intercollegiate records a yard long, took a hand in the Brooklyn Eagle strike yesterday afternoon. Until thirteen policemen butted in Sanford had more fun than at any time since the Columbia team he coached beat Yale.

Young Sanford is six feet tall and not slender. He was walking through City Hall Park about 4:30 o'clock, just at the time the striking newsies and the boys who took their jobs at selling Eagles were raising Cain at the Manhattan end of the Bridge. The strikers outnumbered the volunteers about three to one. Many of them were husky fellows who didn't hesitate a second to punch a boy if he insisted on selling Eagles to subway and Bridge passengers. Capt. Hodgins and the police were keeping the scrapping down fairly well,

out they couldn't be everywhere at once Sanford saw an undersized Italian about 16 years old slip out of the yelling, jostling crowd and run into the park, where he took his stand before the City Court Building. For a minute or two he did a fine business, selling Eagles as fast as he could make change. Then one of the strikers' spotters noticed him and yelled for help. A dozen of the Eagle's former newscarriers dodged out of the crush and made for the Italian boy. They didn't even ask him to move. One took a quick punch at his face. Another kicked him, and in a jiffy he was on the ground with several hitting and kickng at him.

There were dozens of men who saw the attack, but nobody did anything save the actack, but nobody did anything save the football player. He acted, and mighty quickly. Without taking his overcoat off he lowered his head and drove into the bunch of strikers with all the force he could put tto legs, shoulders and arms. He hit tem like a battering ram, sending two ead over heels and knocking the others off the Italian.

Before the rest had time to realize what

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in a body and down him, but his arms swung like windmills and he was quicker on his feet than a cat. They gave it up and drew off.

"You are a damned fine lot," said young "You are a damned fine lot," said young Sanford, "to jump on this kid, and some of you men at that! I've a notion to break a few heads. I don't care whether there is a strike or not. No man is going to see a lot of toughs beat up a kid who's trying to make a living. Hasn't he got a right to sell papers if he wants to? Now git!"

Just then the policemen got there. They arrested the Italian boy and two or three of his assailants into the bargain; and took

of his assailants into the bargain; and took the lot to the Oak street sation. Mr. San-ford adjusted his clothing carefully, wiped the dirt off his hands and walked away. Sanford's tackling was about the most exciting incident of the newsboy end of the Eagle strike yesterday. Eight or ten arrests of newsboys were made for fighting. The show at the Manhattan end of the Bridge was as good as a circus. Police Captain Hodgins was the ringmaster. His forty core and the warring newsboys were Before the rest had time to realize what happened Sanford was punching them right and left, scoring a knockdown at every try. Several of the gang were about as big as the ex-guard, but they weren't in it for a minute. They tried to rush him

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